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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATORS OLSON, Hughes, Kawasaki, Holland, Stevens, von Imhof, Bishop, Begich, Costello, Revak, Gray-Jackson, Micciche

REPRESENTATIVES Tuck, Foster, Nelson, Johnson

Introduced: 2/22/22

Referred: Resources

A RESOLUTION

1 **Expressing the support of the Alaska State Legislature for naming the mountain**
2 **between Cedar Ridge and Hope Peak south of Anchorage after Gail Phillips.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** Gail Phillips was born in Juneau, spent her early years in a mining camp
5 at Council, graduated from Nome High School, and went on to receive a bachelor's degree
6 from the University of Alaska Fairbanks; and

7 **WHEREAS**, following her education, Gail Phillips worked for over a decade in state
8 aviation, taught high school business courses in Nome, owned and operated a store in Homer
9 and a family placer mine on the Seward Peninsula, became secretary of the board of the newly
10 formed Iditarod Trail Committee, and served the Iditarod as an unpaid race coordinator for
11 years; and

12 **WHEREAS** Gail Phillips served as the head of the Homer Chamber of Commerce, on
13 the Homer City Council, on the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly, and as legislative
14 committee chair of the Alaska Municipal League before being elected to the Alaska House of
15 Representatives; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in the Alaska House of Representatives, Gail Phillips was instrumental

1 in forming a bipartisan coalition, was selected in her second term of office as House Majority
2 Leader, and was then elected as Speaker of the House for two consecutive terms; and

3 **WHEREAS**, following her retirement from the Alaska House of Representatives, Gail
4 Phillips served for several years as executive director of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee
5 Council, engaged in countless forms of public service, spent her free time mentoring potential
6 office seekers and working for responsible natural resource development, and at the time of
7 her death was serving on the boards of the Iditarod Trail Race Foundation and the Alaska
8 Aviation Museum; and

9 **WHEREAS** the mountain between Cedar Ridge and Hope Peak south of Anchorage
10 is without a name; is located north of the community of Hope, an area rich in Alaska history
11 and natural resources, which were two of Gail Phillips's lifelong passions; is in the Kenai
12 Peninsula Borough, an area Gail Phillips served for many years; and its stately silhouette is
13 clearly visible from Gail Phillips's family home;

14 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes that Gail Phillips
15 made significant contributions to the state and that her life of public service merits naming the
16 mountain between Cedar Ridge and Hope Peak south of Anchorage as Gail Phillips Peak.

17 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Alaska Historical Commission; the
18 Domestic Names Committee, United States Board on Geographic Names; and the Honorable
19 Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
20 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.